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WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Food Collective was chartered in 1980 and has continued to evolve, improve, and innovate strategies in the area of hunger relief for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Food Collective is committed to ending hunger in our community. Mid-Ohio affirms food as health and values the critical role that nutrition plays in an individual's overall well-being; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, poverty rates have increased in Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, Title IX of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (H.R. 1319) authorized the creation of a Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to make payments to units of local government that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, assistance to nonprofit organizations is an eligible use of funds pursuant to $\S 35.6(b)(3)(ii)(C)$ of the Final Rule promulgated by the U.S. Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, providing government services to the extent of the reduction in general revenue is an eligible use of funds pursuant to §35.6(d) of the Final Rule promulgated by the U.S. Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to support the Mid-Ohio Food Collective as authorized under section 307.85 of the Revised Code; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

1. That the County Administrator is hereby authorized pursuant to section 305.30 of the Revised Code to enter into the agreement upon approval to form by the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office with the Mid-Ohio Food Collective.

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- 2. That the attached purchase order in the amount of \$250,000 that is individually described on the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List to meet the obligations in the current fiscal year is hereby approved.
- 3. That the County Administrator is hereby authorized to take all actions, including the execution of all documents or amendments, necessary to enter into, implement, and administer the agreement and that are not substantially inconsistent with this Resolution.

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